

OPINION 2286 (Case 3509)***Cetonia squamosa* Gory & Percheron, 1833 (currently *Aethiessa squamosa*; Insecta, Coleoptera): specific name conserved**

Abstract. The Commission has conserved the specific name *Cetonia squamosa* Gory & Percheron, 1833 by ruling that it is not invalid by reason of being a junior homonym of *C. squamosa* Lefebvre, 1827 (currently *Protaetia (Netocia) squamosa*, also CETONIIDAE), endemic in southern Italy including Sicily.

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Ruling

- (1) Under the plenary power it is hereby ruled that the name *squamosa* Gory & Percheron, 1833, as published in the binomen *Cetonia squamosa*, is not invalid by reason of being a junior primary homonym of *squamosa* Lefebvre, 1827, as published in the binomen *Cetonia squamosa*.
- (2) The following names are hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology:
 - (a) *squamosa* Lefebvre, 1827, as published in the binomen *Cetonia squamosa*;
 - (b) *squamosa* Gory & Percheron, 1833, as published in the binomen *Cetonia squamosa*, with the endorsement that it is not invalid by reason of being a junior primary homonym of *squamosa* Lefebvre, 1827, as published in the binomen *Cetonia squamosa*, as ruled in (1) above.

History of Case 3509

An application to conserve the specific name *Cetonia squamosa* Gory & Percheron, 1833 by ruling that it is not invalid by reason of being a junior homonym of *C. squamosa* Lefebvre, 1827 (currently *Protaetia (Netocia) squamosa*, also CETONIIDAE, endemic in southern Italy including Sicily) was received from Ignazio Sparacio (*Palermo, Italy*) on 30 November 2009. After correspondence the case was published in BZN 67: 133–136 (2010). The title, abstract and keywords of the case were published on the Commission's website. No comments were received on this case.

Decision of the Commission

On 1 June 2011 the members of the Commission were invited to vote on the proposals published in BZN 67: 134. At the close of the voting period on 1 September 2011 the votes were as follows:

Affirmative votes – 23: Ballerio, Bogutskaya, Brothers, Fautin, Grygier, Halliday, Harvey, Kojima, Kottelat, Kullander, Krell, Lamas, Minelli, Ng, Pape, Papp, Patterson, Rosenberg, van Tol, Winston, Yanega, Zhang and Zhou.

Negative votes – 1: Bouchet.

Alonso-Zarazaga, Lim, Pyle and Štys were on leave of absence.

Voting FOR, Ng said he felt that the proposed action would cause the least disruptions overall.

Voting AGAINST, Bouchet said the application (para. 3) indicated that there was a very limited usage of the names involved, and he favoured a strict application of Article 60.3.

Original references

The following are the original references to the names placed on Official Lists and Indexes by the ruling given in the present Opinion:

squamosa, *Cetonia*, Gory & Percheron, 1833, *Monographie des Cétoines et genres voisins, formant, dans les familles naturelles de Latreille, la division des Scarabées Méliophiles*. 403 pp. Baillièrre, Paris, pp. 60, 232.

squamosa, *Cetonia*, Lefebvre, 1827, *Mémoires de la Société Linnéenne de Paris*, **6**: 103.